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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on or about June 28, 2002, applicants hereby surrender original Letters Patent No. 5,245,736. An executed Third Supplemental Declaration was submitted on July 9, 2002 and acknowledged by the Examiner in the Advisory Action mailed on or about July 23, 2002.

All rejections are now deemed fully addressed; accordingly, favorable action and early allowance are requested.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit  
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Respectfully submitted,

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